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Applicant respectfully submits a substitute specification, including the complete translation of PCT/EP98/06255, along with the complete translation of amended documents submitted in connection with the international application on September 22, 1999.

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Respectfully submitted,

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